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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Cassandra Cox

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,7 and 9-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6,8 and 12-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 and 9-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-3, 7, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fiedler (U.S. Patent No. 6,757,327).

In reference to claim 1 Fiedler discloses in Figure 1 a clocking system comprising: an external clock (230); a clock shaper (240) having an input coupled to the external clock (output of the VCO) and an access clock (248) at an output; a first delay block (214A) having an input coupled to the external clock (230) and an output coupled to a master (210A) of an output register; and a slave (210B) of the output register coupled to the external clock (230 through delay element 214B).

In reference to claim 2, Fiedler discloses in Figure 1 a second delay block (214B) having an input coupled to the external clock (230) and an output coupled to the slave

(210B) of the output register. The same applies to claims 9-11 (wherein the determining the desired delay is seen to be performed when the second delay block (214B) is programmed).

In reference to claim 3, Fiedler discloses in Figure 1 that the first delay by the first delay block (214A) is not equal to a second delay by a second delay block (214B).

In reference to claim 7, Fiedler discloses in Figure 1 that the first delay block (214A) has a programmable delay (DELAY A).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-6, 8 and 12-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 4 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the first delay (100) is greater than the second delay (110) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 5 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the system further includes a logic inversion stage (104) in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 6 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the clock shaper is a programmable clock duty cycle control block (46) in combination with

the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 8 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the second delay block (110) has a programmable delay in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 12-15 would be allowable because the closest prior art of record fails to disclose a circuit as shown in Figure 2 wherein the method further includes the steps of determining if a minimum clock-to-data time is desired and if so, setting a slave delay (110) to a minimum in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Cox whose telephone number is 571-272-1741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on alternate Fridays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

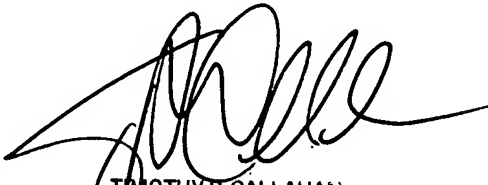
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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